IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1–9 are pending in this application with claims 7 and 8 being amended by this response.

1.   (Previously amended) A device for managing an application composed of instructions executable by an execution system, said execution system communicating with an operating system so as to access the resources of the device, wherein the device comprises an applications management module which can execute at least one management instruction set, said management instructions modifying via functions the running of an application executed by the operating system and/or the execution system, the execution of a management instruction being initiated upon a change of state of the application and/or upon an event external to the device, said external event preferably being a user command or the reception of new data.

2.   (Previously amended) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 1, wherein the functions of the management instructions cannot be executed by the operating system or the execution system.

3.   (Previously amended) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 1, wherein it comprises a means for loading the management instruction set from a source of management instructions to the applications manager.

4.   (Previously amended) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 3, wherein the source of management instructions is the application.

5.   (Previously amended) The device for managing an application as claimed in claim 3, wherein the source of management instructions is the user interface.

6.   (Previously amended) The device for managing an application according to claim 3, wherein the device possesses a standard management instruction set in memory.

7.   (Currently amended) The device for managing an application as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the applications manager comprises several sets of management instructions originating from several sources of management instructions; a specified management instruction set being assigned to each application.

8.   (Currently amended) The device for managing an application as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein binary priority indicators are associated with the management instructions, the applications management module executing first the management instructions whose priority is the highest.

9.   (Previously amended) A digital decoder furnished with means for receiving at least one application, said application being composed of instructions executable by an execution system, said execution system communicating with an operating system so as to access the resources of the device, wherein the device comprises an applications management module which can execute at least one set of at least one management instruction, said management instruction modifies via a function the running of the application executed by the operating system and/or the execution system, and the management instruction is executed upon the change of state of the application and/or upon an event external to the device such as and preferably a user command or the reception of a new application.